

Amendment to the Drawings

In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings as follows:

Please add new FIGURE 2A, which shows a generally conventional network including a client/server relationship, wherein the server simultaneously hosts a plurality of different versions of a server-hosted application, generally as described in the specification and claims as filed. FIGURE 2A does not introduce any new matter, and simply provides support in the drawings and related text for elements that were recited and included in the claims and specification as filed.

Please accept the replacement drawing sheet for FIGURE 2B, which simply renumbers FIGURE 2 as filed as FIGURE 2B, to accommodate the inclusion of new FIGURE 2A.

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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-23, 36-59, and 61 are now pending in the present application, Claims 24-35 and 60 having been previously canceled, and Claim 62 having been canceled in the present amendment. Claims 1-23, 36-59, and 61 have been allowed.

Telephone Interviews with Examiner Ali

Around June 22, 2006, applicants' attorney (Michael C. King, Registration No. 44,832) contacted Examiner Ali via telephone to discuss the current drawing objection. The Examiner has objected to the drawings because a server simultaneously hosting a plurality of different versions of a server-hosted application is not explicitly shown in the Figures.

Applicants' attorney wanted to discuss the best way to address this objection and pointed out that several portions of the Figures refer to different versions, but acknowledged that no single Figure explicitly illustrates such a feature. The Examiner agreed that such a feature was well described in the application as filed, and the Examiner indicated that he would be likely to allow a new Figure to be added, so long as applicant was careful not to introduce any new matter in the Figure or in the specification discussing the new Figure. Applicants' attorney would like to thank Examiner Ali for taking the time to discuss this issue over the phone, so as to advance the present application to issue.

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Applicants have submitted herewith a new drawing sheet for a new FIGURE 2A, which schematically illustrates an exemplary networked computing environment for implementing the method steps described in the specification as filed. Significantly, the elements shown in FIGURE 2A (a plurality clients accessing a server via a network, where the server hosts a plurality a different versions of a server-hosted application) are entirely consistent with recitation of the claims and the specification as filed. MPEP 2163.06 specifically discusses the relationship of the written description requirement to new matter. This portion of the MPEP states that "information contained in *any one* of the *specification, claims* or drawings of the application as filed may be added to any other part of the application without introducing new matter" (emphasis added). Applicants have simply added a drawing Figure illustrating elements already recited in the claims and described in the specification as filed. No new matter has been added. Significantly, the network illustrated in FIGURE 2A differs from conventional networked environment only in that the server hosting the server-hosted application, such that the server

selectively directs specific clients to a specific version. This aspect of the invention is very well described in applicants' specification as filed, particularly with respect to the discussion of the FINANCE MANAGER embodiment on pages 9 and 10, and the detailed descriptions of FIGURE 2 and 3 as filed by applicants. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to include a brief and generalized description of the basic networked environment specifically illustrated in new FIGURE 2A. As noted above, MPEP 2163.06 enables matter disclosed in the claims to be added to the specification via amendment. The network and server of FIGURE 2A is entirely consistent with the specification and claims as filed. Significantly, the server illustrated in FIGURE 2A and as described in the amended specification differs from conventional servers only in that it simultaneously hosts a plurality of different versions of a server hosted application, such as FINANCE MANAGER. Thus, it should be apparent that no new matter has been added to the specification by this amendment. The amendment to the specification of the present application is therefore entirely consistent with the application as filed, does not introduce new matter, and simply provides literal support in the specification for FIGURE 2A and for the recitation of the claims.

Rejection of Claim 62

The Examiner has rejected Claim 62 under both 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claim 62 has been cancelled, rendering these rejections moot.

In view of the amendments and the Remarks set forth above, it will be apparent that the claims in this application define a novel and non-obvious invention, and that the application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue without further delay. Should any further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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